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by "Heron, George" <G.Heron@dialogic.com>
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by Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
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by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
- 24) [8052] Re: QRP Quarterly
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- 30) [8058] Re: 6 meters/10 meters/12 meters/QRPTTF '98
by wa5whn@juno.com
- 31) [8059] Re: NW40 - Problem Solved!
by "Jim Barrett - KC2DCC" <jbarrett@stny.lrun.com>
- 32) [8060] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
by "George T. Baker" <w5yr@swbell.net>
- 33) [8061] Dayton Room Reservation List
by Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@contesting.com>
- 34) [8062] RE: Mercury Rises... Again ! (URLs)
by Conrad <radman@best.com>
- 35) [8063] Sun is up but not the signals - AL7FS
by "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
- 36) [8064] ladderline & steel a no-no?
by "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
- 37) [8065] Re: Manipulator for portable use
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
- 38) [8066] Re: Manipulator for portable use
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
- 39) [8067] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
by "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
- 40) [8068] 1640Z and still no signals on 20 mtr de AL7FS
by "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
- 41) [8069] power
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
- 42) [8070] Portable Antenna
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
- 43) [8071] More TT 1254 Mods - Getting Ahead of Myself

by "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
44) [8072] Sv: Manipulator for portable use
by "Kim Andersen" <ox3fv@greenet.gl>
45) [8073] Re: Sv: Manipulator for portable use
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
46) [8074] Re: postage
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
47) [8075] AC6LA Are you out there? de AL7FS
by "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
48) [8076] MERCURY paddles
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
49) [8077] Re: ladderline & steel a no-no?
by Vic Rosenthal <rakefet@rakefet.com>
50) [8078] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
by "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
51) [8079] Re: ladderline & steel a no-no?
by "Frank A. West" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
52) [8080] For sale
by "Charles L. Stackhouse" <cstack@safelink.net>
53) [8081] Re: Manipulator for portable use
by David Adams <adamsclan@netgate.net>
54) [8082] Re: postage
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
55) [8083] 10mtrs
by "Arthur Moe" <KB7WW@SignalONE.com>
56) [8084] Re: 1758z and it's dead WA1QVM/AL7FS
by "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
57) [8085] NorCal Paddle Kit
by Ward Hill <w_hill@ns.net>
58) [8086] MERCURY PADDLE
by w2bj@juno.com (Barry J Minsky)
59) [8087] Re: QRPTTF: Latest Hit List 4/7/98
by Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
60) [8088] 20 meters open to AL7FS
by "Michael Fletcher" <kl7ixi@mailcity.com>
61) [8089] Heathkit HW9
by "Mabel and Don Adams" <adamsdm@lewiston.com>
62) [8090] Re: MERCURY PADDLE
by "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
63) [8091] Minor mistake
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
64) [8092] Re: postage
by john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 16:14:20 -0700
From: Mighty Mik <mitymik@hooked.net>

To: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8029] SW-40+ typo...READ THIS
Message-ID: <352FF94C.828B32B1@wenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

on page 4, about 1/2 way down the parts list, you'll see QTY 7
C2-15,22,23,29...HOW MANY caps??? That SHOULD be C12-15,22,23,29.

so don't panic! might be a good idea to sort and count parts when you
get the kit (i forgot to...too long since i built a kit). BUT *after*
all that...it'll come alive when you finish it :))))

I just listened to both halves of a QSO at a 'just a little too fast to
write it down' speed.

I have to do 1 tweek, as 7.025 is at the 12 o'clock position on my
dial...i want to be above that, and move it to the 7 o'clock position.

the above mentioned QSO was about .044 or so...

IT LIVES :))

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 17:39:45 -0600 (MDT)
From: Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
To: Mighty Mik <mitymik@hooked.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8030] Re: SW-40+ typo...READ THIS
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.980411173638.1290A-100000@zia>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Mike,

Great work on getting your SW+ working. Sounds like you did a good
job. I'm sure many of the participants in the Elmer 101 will depend
on your experience in building it for some help a bit down the line.

And thanks for reporting the typo. Dave's manual is excellent, but as
we all know, those little things sneak through which can be confusing
to some.

Keep us informed of your progress.

72, Paul NA5N

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 16:51:46 -0700
From: Jack Parker <Pparker@greatbasin.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8031] Re: Books/Test Equipment FS
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19980411165146.006920c0@mail.greatbasin.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Boy, that was quick...FYI, the Wavetek generator and the ARRL Handbooks (1986/88) have been sold already.

I'd like to add one item:

Electronics Engineer's Handbook (3rd Edition) by Fink and Christiansen, \$24.

This is a *serious* technical book...if you want to know about practically anything in detail (communications/telecommunications/TV/whatever) this is a great book! Gotta be 1500+ pages...hardcover and the cover is broken from the binding at the front...otherwise in very good shape.

Thanks and 72/73,

Jack Parker, W7PW
QRP-L #1310; 10GHz VUCC #3 (QRPP); 50MHz WAS (QRP); SMIRK #3335; ARRL Life Member DM-09

Immediate past-president: Astronomical Society of Nevada; Member:
Astronomical Society of the Pacific

"...the time is fast approaching when freedom, public peace, and social order itself will not be able to exist without education."

Alexis de Tocqueville--Democracy in America (1834)

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 16:52:59 PDT
From: "Ted Beach" <k4mkx@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8032] QRP Quarterly and QRPP
Message-ID: <19980411235259.15319.qmail@hotmail.com>

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I happen to live in the DC area where a number of ARCI types are situated, and I too, have not received either of the Spring offerings!

72/73

Ted - K4MKX

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 20:01:08 -0400
From: Jack Mc Kie <mjmckie@frontiernet.net>
To: rakefet@rakefet.com
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8033] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19980411200108.006ceb40@mail.frontiernet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 02:34 PM 4/11/98 -0700, Vic Rosenthal wrote:

>Conrad wrote:

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> The Mercury will be available in limited-production quantities at the end of June > time-frame and will reportedly bear a US List Price of \$495.00.

I find Mercury paddles interesting and intriguing but worth that many \$\$\$... ????. I am a machinist/modelmaker and if these keys were made even in limited quantities I think a price of somewhere between \$150 and \$200 would leave a more than adequate profit margin. I think that materials might cost in the neighborhood of \$20-\$30 and total machining/assembly time might be about 1-1/2 hrs or less in a production setup. I think much of the price of Mercury paddles both past and maybe in the future is mystique. I'd love to have an original but ...

About a year ago I bought the book "Keys" and the picture of the Mercury paddle has been of great interest to me. I've been toying around with making a very similar key since seeing the picture. I think there may be an improvement or two that could be made and it might also be a more reasonable proposition to make a more utilitarian version with a black base (steel) and possibly some 6061 T6 alum. parts that would keep the price down. I do plan on making at least a few and if there is enough interest I

may make more to sell on a part time basis. I just wonder if fellow hams want the glitz and performance of the Mercury or would be just as interested in a key that is well made and would perform as well but without the glitz?

72 de Jack KC2BBW

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 17:40:55 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: Jack Mc Kie <mjmckie@frontiernet.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8034] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.96.980411173253.13837E-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Jack,

Would love to see what you come up with! There is always room for more ideas in paddles.

I do have one problem tho.....

I have a set of Benchers setting next to a set of Vibroplex Brass Racer's and a set of DowKey's. All are hooked up and used. (Brass Racer to the internal keyer in the 1000MP, Benchers go to the computer printer port for keying TR Log and the DowKey goes to the keyer that handles the TS 930 or a QRP rig).

Funny thing is that it doesn't matter which ones I use, they really all feel the same!

I have this theory that if you can feel the paddles moving, you have too much space!

How close is right?? I don't know, but I do know that I need to use thin paper to clean the contacts because regular printer/copier paper is too thick.

I will say that some are much easier to adjust than others!!

So Jack, make them so they can be set up without having to hold your breath!! :-)

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada.....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 20:07:27 -0500
From: "Fred Ringwald" <fred@innocent.com>
To: "QRP-L Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8035] Another SST on 20 meters -- and a few questions...
Message-ID: <008401bd65af\$5ca45e40\$2501e3d0@fred.ott.net>

After letting it sit on the shelf for way too long, I finally built my 20 m SST this morning. After stuffing the board and mounting the case front, back, and bottom, I fired it up, tuned for minimum smoke, and found the initial signs encouraging. When I peaked C1, I heard code, and wondered if this was going to be one of those rare conditions when my kit worked correctly the first time, with no need for troubleshooting!

Well, when I proceeded to the transmitter alignment, all was not so well, as I had zero watts out.

After the visual inspection, and voltage checks, I found that all DC voltages for U4 were correct, but that on U5, Pins 1, 5, and 8 read several volts rather than 0 as specified on the table. U4 had all the right voltages. The initial indication was to suspect U5. However, a scope look at Pin 3 of U5 showed no signal at key-down. Tracing back to U4, Pin 4, I also had virtually no signal at key-down. Checking the U4 oscillator circuit, U4 Pins 7 & 8 showed a garbled, minor signal, not a nice sine wave.

I decided to try replacing U4 with an NE602 that I had on hand. Yes, the plated through holes made it a little difficult, but I used the old technique of snipping all the IC leads and removing them one by one, rather than applying so much heat so as to destroy the board. After power up, I still had no power out as indicated on my OHR QRP Wattmeter, but the scope showed encouraging signs. I had a sine wave on U4, Pins 7 & 8, and also on Pin 4. I followed the xmtr alignment procedure and got about one watt out. Since my bench supply was a little over 12 volts, and not 13.8, I figured that I was doing okay. A few minutes later, I responded to K4QIL's CQ from near Myrtle Beach, SC, and we had a short QSO despite the efforts of QRO QRM.

The lingering question is: Why does U5, Pins 1, 5, and 8, show appreciable voltage, and not 0 as the assembly manual table suggests they should??

Also I found that with the MV209 at D4, I got a tuning range of 14.043 - 14.058 MHz, rather than the spec range of 14.046 - 14.064 MHz.

Trying the MVAM108, I got 14.032 - 14.051 MHz, which was a little wider band coverage, but further away from the 20 Meter QRP calling frequency.

Does anyone have any advice on how I can use the wider band coverage of the MVAM108, but get 14.060 near the center of the tuning range?? (Or at least within the range by at least 5 KHz??

Finally, since I likely missed this discussion when I was significantly distracted and couldn't monitor QRP-L shortly after the SSTs came out, does anyone have any noteworthy experience regarding mods to this rig to improve it? I am particularly interested in the 9V battery option, band coverage ideas, and I do plan to install a KC-1, as it has been awhile (apart from today) since I have operated a straight key. I guess I need to participate in straight key night sometime!!

Thanks for the bandwidth, and thanks in advance for any help you might be able to offer.

73s,

Fred Ringwald, AB0AE
fred@innocent.com

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 20:43:18 -0500
From: "C.D. Rakes" <cdrakes@ipa.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8036] items sold
Message-ID: <199804120136.UAA20940@ns3.ipa.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Thanks to the many of you that responded to my ad. All items are sold with the exception of the S & S Eng. 80m/keyer, and the Ten-Tec scout. Charles KI5AZ

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 03:20:59 +0100
From: k5zty@juno.com (Bill Stietenroth)
To: vole@primenet.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8037] Re: QRPTTF: Latest Hit List 4/7/98
Message-ID: <19980412.033159.8542.1.k5zty@juno.com>

Good Evening Joe and All,
The QRP division of the Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS)
will be doing QRPTTF from the Fritsche Cemetary Park in the northwest
corner of Harris county here in Texas. We have been known as The Texas
Yahoos, the Texas Armadillos, and The Texas Yahoo Tennis Shoe Runners.
.For QRPTTF we will be known as W5NC/qrp. Some of the ops committed so
far are, K5ZTY, KQ5U, K5VUU, W5SB, W5HNS, KK5LD and K10J if he
doesn't go it alone. We have a lot of "maybe"s and
"I'll let you know later"s, so I'm sure we'll have a crowd on Saturday
morning.
We will be operating on the border between crazy and stupid.
Looking for ward to working everyone on the 25th.
72,
Bill, K5ZTY
Houston,TX
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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 98 22:39:21 PDT
From: Jade Account <jadepro@jadeprod.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, RangerSF5@aol.com
Subject: [8038] Folded dipoles.
Message-ID: <Chameleon.980411224330.jadepro@jadepro.jadeprod.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Bob and list:

If you take a look at our WEB page below, I have an article I wrote a long time ago that explains the Marconi antenna, which is nothing more than a base-fed half of a folded dipole. There are a few graphs and drawings in there that should make it clear. Click on the Amateur Antennas hypertext and then the Marconi Antenna.

If you don't have a browser, let me know and I will whip up a text version.

72'

Dennis, K1YPP

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:32:30 -0600
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, cqcm@mtechnologies.com
Subject: [8039] More TT 1254 Mods
Message-ID: <199804120333.VAA27287@edison.chisp.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Made a couple more mods to the Ten-Tec Model 1254 General Coverage Receiver. The shielding mod works well, and the intention was to

make the receiver work with a plain wire antenna, so I decided to add a wire connector. I was going to use a binding post, but didn't have any insulated ones so I went to Tech-America where they didn't have any binding posts at all (RS carries 3 different types!). Settled for a push-clip speaker wire connector, and the second terminal makes a handy point for connecting a ground.

While I had it open, I relocated the 9V backup battery to the back where it is mounted with an ordinary battery clip.

Pix via <http://www.mtechnologies.com/info>

73

Marshall Emm

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 22:50:26 -0400
From: "Bob Edwards, W4ED" <w4ed@flash.net>
To: larsennc@alaska.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8040] Re: AL7FS goes back to SciFi Book
Message-ID: <35302BF2.F8A82E84@flash.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei wrote:

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>..I could copy W4ED, W0HDX, K10J, N9AG but could not get to them.

> All signals are very weak ...

Patience on both ends of the 50 ohms paid off.

AL7FS QSO on 15 and 20 m.

As a bonus, KH6U (HI) QSO on 10 m !!

Solar flux keep on a'comm'n....

Bob 72/73

<http://www.qsl.net/w4ed>
W4ED nr Atlanta @EM73wt
...."QRP", more from less....

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:46:47 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8041] Re: QRPTTF: Latest Hit List 4/7/98
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.980411214450.16445A-100000@GPFN1.GPFN.SK.CA>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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.....ah Bill.....you say some of the ops have been "committed"....are there visiting hours?.....sri...it's late...I'm tired and couldn't resist... ;-)72 - Bruce(VE5RC) ...good luck to you all!

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:11:54 -0700
From: Robert Bayha <rbayha@ix.netcom.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8042] [Fwd: Mercury Paddle]
Message-ID: <353022EA.B5F5BCA6@ix.netcom.com>
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This is a multi-part message in MIME format.
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Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Had to check this out myself... Here's the email reply directly from Bencher.

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Bob Bayha, K6RKB
QRP-L #1209, QRP-ARCI #9505
CQC #488 G-QRP #9884, NorCal #2394
-----8F6FCF38AC7E7856640947F9
Content-Type: message/rfc822

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Disposition: inline

Return-Path: <bencherinc@ameritech.net>

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:00:00 -0500

From: Tech Help <bencherinc@ameritech.net>

Reply-To: bencher@bencher.com

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.04 [en]C-AIT (Win95; I)

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: Robert Bayha <rbayha@ix.netcom.com>

Subject: Mercury Paddle

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The paddle will be available from Bencher, Inc. the manufacture, or any of our dealers world wide.

170-82 MERCURY PADDLE 495.00 USD plus freight and any applicable taxes.

Orders are being accepted and may be placed by e-mail or over the phone. Visa and Master Card are welcomed.

Michael

-----8F6FCF38AC7E7856640947F9--

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 20:10:42 -0700

From: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>

To: <mjmckie@frontiernet.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <cw@qth.net>

Subject: [8043] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !

Message-ID: <01bd65c0\$942327a0\$9aa9d9cf@accurate-1>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jack,

Yes, by all means there would be an interest! I've got to believe that the only reason a set of paddles would sell for \$495 is the same reason one can buy speaker wire for \$45 per foot. There are those who willing to pay it.

This in no way is meant to denigrate the PERFORMANCE of the Mercury, but \$495??? Nah, not in my reality.

I have had the opportunity to test a number of high end paddles these past few weeks loaned to me by a good friend and I can say without reservation that up to about 35 WPM, what sits directly behind the paddles is directly responsible for and determines the quality of the code sent. The hardware used is a far secondary consideration. Over 35 WPM I do notice a distinct advantage in comfort and freedom of error in using the Proffi (my first choice) and the WBL's.

Notice I chose the Proffi's where as most of the guys on this list would choose the WBL's as their first preference. This should be an indication of the personal nature of these things which would also apply to spacing, tension, and all other adjustable parameters for a set of paddles. I would doubt any two are set up identically. My preference is for what most would consider moderate tension (not light) and just a tad more spacing for the dah side as compared to the dit side. I like the moderate tension for a more positive pull back during high speed runs to avoid missent dits. I find I am unable to hear the "click" of the dit paddles closing but can clearly hear the dah side closing. Seems to be a natural for me because after adjusting each set of paddles, they just seem to end up this way.

Sri, I get behind a keyboard and the soap box somehow seems to sneak under me. Yes, I would be interested in an alternative value pseudo-Merc ! :-)

73/72 Es Zut

Roger KD6CC

>I find Mercury paddles interesting and intriguing but worth that many \$\$\$
>... ????. I am a machinist/modelmaker and if these keys were made even in
>limited quantities I think a price of somewhere between \$150 and \$200 would
>leave a more than adequet profit margin.

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 04:06:55 +0100
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>
To: <rakefet@rakefet.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8044] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <004101bd65c0\$0ddaa100\$c342b3c7@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep, another filter in the mail box, harrumph!

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 23:11:22 -0700
From: "j.w. thornton" <dub@oklahoma.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8045] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19980411231122.0078a704@oklahoma.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Jack KC2BBW's comments are interesting, to say the least. I am also a Machinist, or was, now retired. The only reason I do not have a Mercury paddle built by my own hands (while I was still working & had the equipment to build it with), is cuz I was not sharp enough to design it. The workmanship is superb, but nothing any good machinist cant duplicate. Making them one or two at a time, as Steve told me he did, (when the fish were not biting) I am afraid my hourly wages would be purty low, even at the prices he sold them for. The time involved would be far more than the 1.5 hours Jack quotes, for me to build it, with the quality of finish Steve put on the parts before they went to the platers. I suspect it took Steve several hours to build one also. I think the key word in Jacks statement is "PRODUCTION SHOP", which Bencher certainly will have, if they mass produce the paddles. This SHOULD bring the price down somewhat, but will it? It will be very interesting to see what you come up with Jack. Even tho I have a Mercury, a homebrew paddle machined entirely from stainless steel, a Brown Bros iambic paddles & handkey on same base (made a copy of this one also, but gave it to a friend), a Kent & a Norcal, there is still room for another fine paddle or three on my desk.

As to the price! I bought my serial #210 some 5 years or so ago. I must confess that I agonized over paying \$350.00 for a paddle, (which was the price at the time) since I had never seen a Mercury. The money has long since been forgotten, but the paddle will go with me to the grave! It is a

very personal thing, but to me, YES, ITS WORTH EVERY PENNY IT COSTS,
WHATEVER THAT MAY BE! "72"

Dub WA5YFY
J. W. (Dub) Thornton
QRP-1 #159
Norcal #598
ARCI #6982
NW QRP #427
Minco, Okla. 73059

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:20:21 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: k5zty@juno.com (Bill Stietenroth)
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8046] Re: QRPTTF: Latest Hit List 4/7/98
Message-ID: <199804120420.VAA21985@usr08.primenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy,

Bill (K5ZTY), Texas Armadillo, wrote:

>
> The QRP division of the Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS)
> will be doing QRPTTF from the Fritsche Cemetary Park in the northwest
> [... SNIP ...]
> For QRPTTF we will be known as W5NC/qrp.

Great! Look forward to workin' you guys! A few more
states have signed up, so we're closing in on all
50 states fast! Anyone know any QRPers in WV? :)

> We will be operating on the border between crazy and stupid.

Ah yes, I have alot of fond memories from there. :)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, QRPTTF Contest Manager, NorCal,
AZ ScQRPions, and many other fine furry groups...

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 00:27:48
From: radioham@erols.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8047] 15 Meter Activity
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19980412002748.2e6fb3e6@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Had a nice QSO with Arnie, C02KK, this afternoon on 15. What made it really great was that I was using my HW-8 at 950 mw and he heard me well enough to give me a 339. I wanted to check the distance (hoping for another 1000 mpw QSO) and went to the QRP-L webpage and keep getting the same weird response:

Output from stdout:

N4EUK :

Latitude:	38.939500
Longitude:	-77.377000

C02KK:

Arnie Coro
Havana,
Country of License: CUBA

Output from "gc 38.5637N77.2262W 0N0E":

Bearing is 98 Degrees for 4813 Nautical Miles = 5538 Miles = 8913 Km

It keeps telling me 5538 miles whichever call I put first. Now I know Cuba is not across the street, but it sure is no 5538 miles from northern Virginia (25 miles west of Washington, DC. Am I doing something wrong here? I've used the distance calculator before and it always seemed more or less right. Hawaii is about 5000 miles from me, but not Cuba.

Tnx & 72/73,

Steve, N4EUK
Reston, VA

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:52:31 -0700 (MST)
From: ki7mn@dancris.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8048] ARCI Test
Message-ID: <199804120452.VAA23292@user2.dancris.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Finished messing with my new Sierra, after having added the KC-2. The 2n7000 was dead, so found an NTE-490 as a replacement, tho it needs to go in backwards. Re-routing some wiring eliminated the flaky display, and it was off to the contest....between chores.

To my surprise, I heard Jim, AL7FS finish a contact, and jumped in there and got him. Then, thinking I heard another AK station, got him again right away. Pretty crowded in spots out there.

So having fun, but where are all the TX stations? Only got about 3 so far :^).

Hope to catch you all in the 'test.

Oh, the Sierra works great. Got contacts from BC, AB, SC, NC, VT, AK and parts in between. Great little rig. Sure hope the rest of the band modules get here soon.

72,73

Bob KI7MN Norcal 1228, QRP-L 271, ARCI 8918, CQC 274, AKQRP 30
<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 00:54:26 -0400
From: "Heron, George" <G.Heron@dialogic.com>
To: slmachco@fix.net, QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, njqrp@njqrp.org
Subject: [8049] re: Enclosures, etc: In For A Penny...
Message-ID: <DC98876F9BBBD111A5F900A02461FF13333334@mailnj.dialogic.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

This is great news, Doug! Glad to hear that the Rainbow Enclosures are progressing well through the manufacturing stage.

As reference for those interested in the details of the R.E., see the Jersey QRP website page for this at:

http://www.njqrp.org/Rainbow/rb_enclosure.html
Ordering information is also there.

(People can also get the Enclosure information my email (sans photo!) by sending a message to EMBOT@NJQRP.ORG with SEND ENCLOSURE in the body of the email.)

As for not getting enough sleep, Doug, I can identify with that. FDIM is coming up real soon and the presentations/Proceedings are continuing to look better and better ... people are really going to enjoy the topics this year!

72,

--George Heron, N2APB
g.heron@dialogic.com in Sparta, NJ

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Got four hundred bucks worth of pre-sawed aluminum for the Rainbow
Enclosures on shop floor ... [snip]

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 23:27:16 -0600 (MDT)
From: Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
To: radioham@erols.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8050] Re: 15 Meter Activity
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.980411232013.9353A-100000@zia>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> enough to give me a 339.

Arnie discussed some of his recent fun with QRPing on all of the bands on his "DX Unlimited" tonight on Radio Havana Cuba. He listed some of the stations he's worked, including a few familiar calls from QRR-L, though I didn't write them down. Does seem he mentioned an "N4" in VA. He's becoming a prolific QRP'er! ... and doing a good job bragging about the hobby on his radio show.

> Hawaii is about 5000 miles from me, but not Cuba.

Maybe the computer knew you worked him long path? :-)

72, Paul NA5N

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 01:49:05 -0400
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:ki7mn@dancris.com" <ki7mn@dancris.com>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8051] ARCI Test
Message-ID: <199804120151_MC2-39A6-7309@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Bob:

Well well--Sierra to Sierra, then! Used mine most of the day. Always pleasantly surprised what a **great** rig it is. Terrific receiver, plenty of selectivity built-in, and at even only 1.6 watts gets out FB. Rest of the setup was Emtech ZM-2 tuner. Usual antenna was GAP...but occasionally jumped to HB dipole up 28' fed with 300-ohm window line.

Thanks for the FB QSO earlier. Will look for you on 20 tomorrow. Good luck and Happy Easter.

72/73,

--Doc Lindsey/K0EVZ Rochester, MN--Home of the Mayo Clinic.
MWBC
519-16th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904
507/289-5108 (eves)

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 03:03:35 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: Gary McCaughey <mail4gary@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8052] Re: QRP Quarterly
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.980412024343.8625A-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

NOT TO WORRY Gary,

I am in charge of back issue sales and a member of the BOD and I haven't received my regular subscription issue yet either.

I did have a few Advance copies so I at least got a good look at it before mailing them out to lucky customers. :^)

It will be worth the wait. I promise. It is 88 Pages, the biggest ever, and full of great articles. It is (IMHO) the closest thing to the resurrection of "HAM Radio Magazine" that you will find.

It just dawned on me that there didn't appear to be a single "April Fool's" Article in it.

OBTW, If you or anyone else is in doubt about your membership status, I would suggest a quick email to Dave Johnson, WA4NID@amsat.org with your Name, Address, Callsign, QRP ARCI #, and you might include your ZIP Plus 4 code and telephone number. Dave can verify your information and membership/subscription status. If you recently renewed, but missed the time slot for getting on the mailing list, not to worry, we will have extra issues available for sale shortly after the regular mailing is completed.

They will be available from me for \$ 7.00 Postpaid. Make check to "George D. Gingell" and mail to George D. Gingell, Jr. at 3052 Fairland Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904-7117.

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Anyone wanting to place a back issue order is reminded to include your postal mailing information in the email inquiry. A telephone number is also helpful. I will confirm your order and ship asap.

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES

QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. "Danny" Gingell, K3TKS@ abs.net

QRP A.R.C.I. Net Manager and Board of Director Member.

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Grid Square FM19mb 76.94 W - 39.06 N Silver Spring, MD 20904 QRPea.A.

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 07:36:58 +0100
From: "Kim Andersen" <ox3fv@greenet.gl>
To: "=?ISO-8859-1?Q?QRP-L_=28INDL=C6G=29?=" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8053] Manipulator for portable use
Message-ID: <7717B0771400.AAA343C@mail.greenet.gl>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi

I am looking for a manipulator to use with my INDEX QRP++ when going portable. Something lightweight.
Any suggestions??.

73 de Kim/OX3FV

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 06:20:31 -0500
From: "Fred Ringwald" <fred@innocent.com>
To: <rmccarty@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8054] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <003e01bd6605\$01def320\$5670d9d0@fred.ott.net>

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Roger,

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Thanks,

Fred Ringwald, AB0AE
fred@innocent.com

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 07:14:45 -0600
From: jerrydeen@juno.com (Gerald A Huldeen)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8055] IA QRP
Message-ID: <19980412.071502.6542.0.Jerrydeen@juno.com>

The newly formed Iowa QRP club will be having a net this pm on 7.110 if I can get back from an Easter gathering 70 miles away in time:-) The net will meet on or near the above frequency at 2140 Z (04:30 CDT). NCS today is Jerry WB0T. Give us a call if you hear us.

72,
Jerry WB0T
Sioux City, IA
QRP-L #1268, ARCI #5641, FISTS #3807
jerrydeen@juno.com

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:13:19 -0400
From: THE ONE AND ONLY <mitch96@pobox.com>
To: Qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8056] paddles
Message-ID: <3530BDEF.8EA@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi, mitch here.....

I to, am interested it the proffi paddle. Does anyone use a shurr key?
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Mitch, Ww4mL
Eschew Obfuscation!

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 11:20:51 +0100
From: Dick G0BPS <G0BPS@kanga.demon.co.uk>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8057] Sunspot inacuracies
Message-ID: <ZaI7YaADWJM1EweQ@kanga.demon.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0

>
>72, Paul Harden, NA5N
>
>National Radio Astronomy Observatory
>VLA/VLBA Radio Telescopes
>Socorro, NM, USA, Earth
 ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^.....?

Come-on Paul, can't you be more specific,
Which system?

8-)

(gr)

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Dick Pascoe G0BPS
Kanga Products
Seaview House, Crete Road East
Folkestone CT18 7EG U.K.
Tel 44 (0) 1303 891106
<http://www.kanga.demon.co.uk>

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 07:58:40 -0600
From: wa5whn@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8058] Re: 6 meters/10 meters/12 meters/QRPTTF '98
Message-ID: <19980412.075945.2678.1.wa5whn@juno.com>

Intergalactic Voyagers,

This is a tough crowd, please point Your' browsers to the following URL for 6 meters info;

<http://ns1.qsl.net/vk1zfg/>

Some of his hotlinks will give You that famous 404 error, but most of the information is still current at this site.

On 12 meters, quite a few DX stations just call CQ with no one to answer them.

15 meters & 10 meters, yesterday, again, WOW !!! Where were the US Novice/Techs ? Did they all upgrade ?

It's really nice to work the QRP-L crowd, during the ARCI Sprint.

I had heard that the NorCal QRPTTF theme selection committee {those still awake}, after many trips to the "out house" {Now there is a theme for next year, "Out Houses". }, during the Ft. Tuthill Hamfest {Check KI7MN's URL for the 1998 Ft. Tuthill Hamfest details} had selected "Run for the Borders", so that the Texans could figure out where they were. ;-) K5FO has been lost for years, last seen, in New England. There is no LBJ Freeway in Dallas, Maine. ;-)

@ T minus 13 days & counting, until the QRPTTF '98 "Run for the Borders".

72,...Jay, WA5WHN, DM65qd, Albuquerque,
NM USA

{For QRPTTF '98, Latitude: 36 degrees 59.941 minutes north, Longitude: 109 degrees 2.713 minutes west, better known as "The Four Corners", <http://www.swcp.com/~n5zgt/n4c/> , wx permitting.}

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:04:26 -0400
From: "Jim Barrett - KC2DCC" <jbarrett@stny.lrun.com>
To: "ROYGREGSON" <ROYGREGSON@aol.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8059] Re: NW40 - Problem Solved!
Message-ID: <005601bd661b\$e893ea80\$4080d2cc@default.stny.lrun.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

-----Original Message-----

From: ROYGREGSON <ROYGREGSON@aol.com>
To: jbarrett@stny.lrun.com <jbarrett@stny.lrun.com>
Date: Sunday, April 12, 1998 3:07 AM
Subject: NW40 !

>Hi Jim....Sorry to hear about your problem. I have experienced the same
>thing
>at one time. It was cured simply in my case with a bypass of about .1 mf
>across the 12V, and another to ground. My supply had the minus side also
>floating from ground. I think what was happening was that RF was getting
>to
>the regulation circuits and causing all kinds of problems. I did not seem
>to
>have a problem with RF getting into the AC input.

Thanks for the response Roy, and thanks for producing such a great kit!

The problem was indeed with the power supply. As another list member suggested, it turned out to be a switching design, and apparently couldn't tolerate ANY amount of RF, as the problem continued even when I backed the output down to less than one watt.

I picked up a fixed-voltage 3-amp (non-switching) PS from the local Radio Shack. I opened it up, bypassed the four rectifier diodes with .01 caps, put

another .01 across the output terminals, and (just for good measure) applied one of their snap-on ferrite chokes on the 12 line immediately adjacent to where it plugs into the rig.

That did the trick.... now I have nice clean output and sidetone at any power level.

>As to NWxx mods, just ran across one that may bhe interesting. I think the
>ferrite beads I ordered are of the wrong mix. They should have been
101-43's
>and I think I was shipped 101-73's. the result is less RF out, and it is no
>longer needed due to more recent PCB changes. so just crush it with pliers,
or
>take it out of the circuit by unsoldering one of the wire thru the bead,
but
>the wire must be put back.

I must have one of the "right mix" ferrite beads, as I can get 7 watts out at full drive. I throttled it back to 4 watts for day-to-day use.

>Another small change is to add a 10K and a .01 cap in series from lm386 pin
8
>to speaker connection, TP2. This will get rid of some of the LM386 hiss,
>increase the lows !

Great idea! It is a bit "hissy", but not annoyingly so. I'll try it out.

Thanks again for providing such a nice tranceiver for the QRP community. I've had several contacts with it since completing it on Friday. I've been getting great signal reports, and have contacted TN, NY, NJ, GA, CA and NM. My NY contact yesterday afternoon was at high noon - about 250 miles - to another QRP op. We both had 599 signals throughout a 30-minute rag chewing session.

I'll be ordering more NWxx rigs in coming months for other bands - I wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to anyone looking for a quality monoband tranceiver.

73

Jim Barrett - KC2DCC - Elmira, NY

jbarrett@stny.1run.com

>Good luck and have fun.....Oh let the group know what you find that works
in
>your case.
>
>72's/73's
>Roy
>

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:57:21 -0500
From: "George T. Baker" <w5yr@swbell.net>
To: fred@innocent.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8060] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <3530D651.79007830@swbell.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In addition, could some Good Samaritan scan a picture of the Mercury
paddle and stick it on a web page somewhere or point out a site that
already has one. We late bloomers don't have a clue . . .

--
72/73, George
Amateur Radio W5YR (since 1946)
QRP-L #1373 QRP ARCI #9583
AutoPOWER Systems, Fairview, TX (30 Mi. N. of Dallas)

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> Fred Ringwald, AB0AE
> fred@innocent.com

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 11:07:28 -0400
From: Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@contesting.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8061] Dayton Room Reservation List
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19980412110728.007848d0@192.0.0.1>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I have these two names on the list with no e-mail or good US Mail address's.

Does anyone know who or where they might be?

MASSENA, FRED K80K US Mail was not returned. Not answered either.
YOUNG, PAUL No idea. No call. Nothing.

Any help out there?

At this time the 80 rooms have names on them.

The standby list is closed.

If there are any cancellations I will put a message out here and then it will be first come, first served.

73 Hank K8DD

*/ Hank Kohl K8DD k8dd@contesting.com
*/ ARRL TS (k8dd@tir.com)
*/ MI-QRP - Vice Pres. QRP-ARCI - Director
*/ G-QRP ARRL/LM QCWA/LM QCAO/LM

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:29:46 -0700
From: Conrad <radman@best.com>
To: "'w5yr@swbell.net'" <w5yr@swbell.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

<qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8062] RE: Mercury Rises... Again ! (URLs)
Message-ID: <01BD65ED.2A829F60@radman.vip.best.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

George et al,

Check out: <http://www1.shore.net/~bruce/merc-paddle.jpg> Mercury =
paddles with ivory finger pieces !

You might also enjoy <http://www.telegraph-wireless.com/> Steve Massey - =
N6TT's web page (click on the little search engine in the lower left =
corner... lots of interesting things on his site.)

Happy Easter/Passover to all !

72 - Conrad - nn6cw.

-----Original Message-----

From: George T. Baker [SMTP:w5yr@swbell.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 1998 7:57 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: Mercury Rises... Again !

In addition, could some Good Samaritan scan a picture of the Mercury
paddle and stick it on a web page somewhere or point out a site that
already has one. We late bloomers don't have a clue . . .

--=20

72/73, George

Amateur Radio W5YR (since 1946)

QRP-L #1373 QRP ARCI #9583

AutoPOWER Systems, Fairview, TX (30 Mi. N. of Dallas)

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 07:36:54 -0800
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8063] Sun is up but not the signals - AL7FS
Message-ID: <3530DF90.44ED7B41@alaska.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good morning all.

It's 1530Z and there are no signals yet from the states. Europe is showing one EA5 and one F6. EA5SM was working a contest but did not make any contacts while I was listening to see if he was QRO or QRP. I suspect QRO.

Time for a pot of coffee and the Sunday paper. When (If) the band opens, I will make some noise on 20 or 15 meters. By now you have all worked each other and I should have "easy pickin's".

73,
Jim, AL7FS

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:42:21 -0600
From: "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
To: "\"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion\"" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8064] ladderline & steel a no-no?
Message-ID: <011901bd6629\$d6b32980\$34a8a3cc@SG2939M.webaccess.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Any ideas on how I should run my ladder line through my metal barn. I'm currently using 300 twinlead that is laying on a steel I-beam for 60' run. On the end it drapes over a couple more steal beams before it pokes thru the steel siding. Once outside it connects to a grounding plate and Wireman's spark arrestors and grounding knife switch. Then 100' of 450 ohm ladder line (window type) snakes through the scrub oaks to the base of the big ol' ponderosa where it connects to another 50' run of ladder line that is hooked to my 40m quad loop. Oh yes...this antenna is tuned for other bands..that's why no coax!

The No-no.

So I've read and heard that you want to keep ladderline away from metal objects....well, not possible in my barn! The old cheap twinlead has performed very well! But I'm going to replace it with the 'good stuff' -450 ohm ladderline and wonder if theres a better way to string it through the barn? I thought about laying on the roof but it 's exposed to the elements

out there? Maybe I could fashion some form of standoffs to keep it from "touching " any steel beams? This would require an extra effort but don't know if it's worth the trouble? So.... how much of no-no is it... if you to just lay the ladderline (insulated) on the steel beams? Will I see much of an improvement by staying away from metal objects????

72...Steve

n0tu - solar powered QRP & wire antennas @ 7,200' ASL
Monument, Colorado - Grid Sq DM79nb
email: n0tu@webaccess.net

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:04:21 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: ox3fv@greenet.gl
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8065] Re: Manipulator for portable use
Message-ID: <35308395.EC79A3E7@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK, I'll bite. What is a manipulator?

If I have one, once I know what it is, you can have it for free because you've made me confess I don't know it all, :-)

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT - QRP-L #62 - Mesa, AZ

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:40:30 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8066] Re: Manipulator for portable use
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.96.980412093753.16468F-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 12 Apr 1998, Roger Hightower wrote:

> OK, I'll bite. What is a manipulator?

Hey Roger,

I think he is looking for another wife to help out! :-)

But really, I used to work where we made manipulators....

The Micromanipulator Company in Carson City.

But I sure wouldn't use one on an antenna!

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada.....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:46:24 -0600
From: "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
To: <w5yr@swbell.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8067] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <199804121641.MAA20868@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George and gang,

You can view a pic of the Mercury paddle on page 84 of the book, " Keys, Keys, Keys" By Dave Ingram, K4TWJ. No Morse / key aficionado should be without this book. It's required reading ! I bought mine from "Tech America" , don't know if "AES" carried it or not. Happy Easter / Passover to all .

>----George wrote-----

> In addition, could some Good Samaritan scan a picture of the Mercury
> paddle and stick it on a web page somewhere or point out a site that
> already has one. We late bloomers don't have a clue . . .
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> --

73,
Steve Hurst
KA7NOC (southern Idaho)
<http://www.magiclink.com/web/shurst>
shurst@magiclink.com

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:41:22 -0800
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8068] 1640Z and still no signals on 20 mtr de AL7FS
Message-ID: <3530EEB0.E673DB1C@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Maybe later.

Jim

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 12:19:27 -0400
From: john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
To: Knathan@ibm.net
Cc: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8069] power
Message-ID: <199804121647.MAA07803@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I guess you have not heard about QRP/p yet either.
I checked in with 950Mw and have made plenty of qso's with 250Mw during
contests. Try that instead of more power. You will see that works too,
I mean less power. Maybe you were using too much to get that 80 meter
contact. Hi Hi.....
JohnPaul/AB4PP "Sir Scribe" of the Knightlites/QRP-1 #1417

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 12:28:34 -0400
From: john paul keon <jpkeon@bellsouth.net@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
To: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8070] Portable Antenna
Message-ID: <199804121647.MAA07818@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I see a lot of posts about a portable antenna. I am throwing this one in the hat for those of you who go to the field a lot like I do. I use my Carolina Windom, or for that matter you could use any dipole or other like the G5RV and I use two telescoping masts made of fiberglass that I got from the power company. They use them to pull fuses on the pole since they won't conduct. I then stretch them out to full length, usually 40 to 45 feet long, and then have three ropes on them low to hold them up and two high on the top with another with a pulley at the top section. In the pulley I put a rope long enough to pull up the wire antenna. The other two sections of rope and spread out in a triangle shape to hold each pole. The lower sections hold the pole steady in winds. I then hoist the antenna up on the rope (attached to the pulley) and since I use the folded Carolina Windom I have three radiating vertical elements and one on the top horizontally radiating..... Which ever type you use will be fine.....

You could also use one pole and put up the inverted vee's. We used these for the corebanks operation WQ4RP two weeks ago from the Core Banks on the beach, since there are no trees. Another good point about the antenna is that there is no need for the ground radials, and the signal reports received are usually hard to believe. Hope that helps some of you out. I have been using this configuration for years and have not seen it mentioned, so I thought I would pass it along.

JohnPaul/AB4PP/ Sir Scribe of the Knightlites, QRP-1 1417

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:50:51 -0600
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: Bob Hirsch <bobh@p3.net>
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, cqrc@mtechnologies.com
Subject: [8071] More TT 1254 Mods - Getting Ahead of Myself
Message-ID: <199804121651.KAA03506@edison.chisp.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Oops indeed!

The correct url for the info page (with link to the Ten-Tec Receiver page) is <http://www.mtechnologies.com/info.htm> (left the .htm off).

I'm just getting ahead of my self a little bit-- the info page is supposed to go into its own subdirectory, where the html page will become index.html and .htm will no longer be needed. Right.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

73

Marshall Emm

N1FN/VK5FN

n1fn@mtechnologies.com

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(303)752-3382

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 17:00:58 +0100

From: "Kim Andersen" <ox3fv@greenet.gl>

To: "=?ISO-8859-1?Q?QRP-L_=28INDL=C6G=29?=" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, "Roger Hightower" <n7kt@earthlink.net>

Subject: [8072] Sv: Manipulator for portable use

Message-ID: <7717B08166.AAA4A29@mail.greenet.gl>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Roger

So sorry to confuse you.

In Denmark we call it a manipulator. You use it to manipulate (operate) your

electronic keyer. Guess you would call it a paddle??.

My mistake.....

73 de Kim/OX3FV

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:06:49 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: Kim Andersen <ox3fv@greenet.gl>
Cc: "QRP-L (INDLAG)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8073] Re: Sv: Manipulator for portable use
Message-ID: <35309239.AFECE08E@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Kim,

I thought that might be it. You win! I have a Whiterook single paddle that should work just fine with your keyer.

Send me a mailing address and it will be on it's way.

72 and enjoy..Roger

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT - QRP-L #62 - Mesa, AZ

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:11:08 -0400
From: john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
To: K4NK <K4NK@aol.com>
Cc: ",qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, klqrp@waterw.com, njqrp@njqrp.org
Subject: [8074] Re: postage
Message-ID: <199804121711.NAA09836@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

K4NK wrote:

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> John Paul;

> I did not hear anything back from anyone on my offer of stamps or \$\$\$ to
> help with QSL's . I really would like to help if you would like . Please let
> me know ,where ,when.

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Thanks Les K4NK

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> Sir Les ARCI scribe and Historian
I just took it on the chin and am mailing the cards out as they come. I was more or less just trying to make a point and should not have done it I guess. I pick up pennies all the time when I investigate wrecks and go through parking lots to the malls etc, and throw them in a can. I have a lot of them and the other day I carried a couple hundred pounds (hi hi) into the post office and dumped them on the desk and said I need stamps in 2 and 5 and 12 cent denominations....and she looked like whe was gonna do the postal thing right there...hi hi
I am a state trooper and was in uniform and she just gave me this dumb look cause I already had a gun.....hi hi
'Anyway, I got enough stamps to cover the whole thing and don't worry about it.....All the cards from the Core Banks operation that I receive, whether they have stamps included or not will be mailed out....
We wont't worry about the cost. Maybe next trip to the beach, I will go look for dubloons instead of working the cw on the bands...hi hi
Also you should go to the website and see me hard at work on the bands, we posted pictures now for everyone to see the operation and Dave and Lynn are putting together a nice set of those for everyone. They are real neat.
Hope this answers everyone's questions.
Sorry for stirring up a mess.....
(<http://waterw.com/~knights>)
(www.waterw.com/~knights/corepix.html)
I had to work the Friday before the trip since my sergeant would not let me have off early enough, and I caught the first ferry to the island on Saturday and had little sleep that week. So I am the one in the tent, taking a snooze, hi hi.....
72 to all, de JohnPaul/AB4PP "Sir Scribe of the Knightlites"

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:16:25 -0800
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8075] AC6LA Are you out there? de AL7FS
Message-ID: <3530F6E6.71774F8D@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Sorry to post to qrp-l but Dan's current email address per QRP-L listing is not alive. I hope he still reads the list either on the web or via a different email address. TNX, Jim

> Your mail is being returned due to one or more non-delivery conditions listed below:

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> To: AC6LA@aol.com

> Subject: AC6LA<-->AL7FS Not

> Hi Dan,

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> I could tell you knew I was calling but you didn't know who it was last night. You were 329 here in Alaska on 7.042.65 at 0519Z. I had just worked WE6W and had hopes of working you, too. I also got N6CMF at 0525Z. Thanks for the QRZs and the standbys for the attempt.

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> Maybe next time.

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> 73, Jim, AL7FS

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:22:28 -0400

From: john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>

To: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, klqrp@waterw.com

Cc: njqrp@njqrp.org

Subject: [8076] MERCURY paddles

Message-ID: <199804121723.NAA10766@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I forgot to mention that we did put some pictures together and have one of the MERCURY for those of you who have not seen one. When we did the QRPTTF last year in the monsoons with Noah coming through the State Park, we did have some pictures of the cooking and the rigs and the paddles. So you may want to visit there too.

(<http://www.waterw.com/~knights/klpic3.html>)

They are on the Web site for the Knights and there are tons of pictures in there too of Don the kitemeister etc. and the gang, so visit there too.

Also it is the contest I wrote the article for in the QQ last quarter. It made for fine reading, from what I am told, in the little out house, hi hi.....

JohnPaul/AB4PP, "Sir Scribe" of the Knightlites.

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:34:55 -0700
From: Vic Rosenthal <rakefet@rakefet.com>
To: n0tu@webaccess.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8077] Re: ladderline & steel a no-no?
Message-ID: <3530FB3F.D771EA49@rakefet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Steve Galchutt wrote:

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> Any ideas on how I should run my ladder line through my metal barn. I'm
> currently using 300 twinlead that is laying on a steel I-beam for 60' run.

This is not too good either! Any balanced line needs to be away from metal objects at least as far as the line spacing. I know, it works, but...it would work better!

My suggestion: try hanging the ladder line from beams, etc. with some nylon (etc.) twine.

Vic, K2VCO

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:37:36 -0700
From: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
To: <fred@innocent.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8078] Re: Mercury Rises... Again !
Message-ID: <01bd6639\$aeabb6e0\$9aa9d9cf@accurate-1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Oh Sorry, My pet name but they are actually known as the Schurr Profi. See at <http://www.eswitch.com/keys.html>
They are also available at HRO, although I did not see them listed in their most recent catalog. They are on the web site at <http://www.hamradiostore.com> and then do a search for "schurr".

73

Roger KD6CC

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Ringwald <fred@innocent.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Date: Sunday, April 12, 1998 4:22 AM

Subject: Re: Mercury Rises... Again !

>please fill us in on what a Proffi paddle is. >

>Thanks,

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>Fred Ringwald, AB0AE

>fred@innocent.com

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:51:22 -0700

From: "Frank A. West" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>

To: <n0tu@webaccess.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [8079] Re: ladderline & steel a no-no?

Message-ID: <199804121751.KAA17221@italy.it.earthlink.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I would suspend it away from the metal on string. Nylon or dacron is nonconductive. Two or three feet away should make a big difference.

And YES you will see a remarked improvement.

73 de Frank KE6VHM

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 12:10:48 -0600

From: "Charles L. Stackhouse" <cstack@safelink.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8080] For sale
Message-ID: <19980412181838849.AAA169@safelink.safelink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

An inactive ham friend has joined the Air Force and asked me to sell his stuff.

For Sale

Yaesu FT767GX HF transceiver in excellent working condition per the owner. I did fire it up for a few QSO's and it works fine but I didn't do an exhaustive checkout. There are a few scratches on cabinet. It has built-in automatic antenna tuner, power supply, iambic keyer, 600 Hz CW crystal filter, audio peak filter, digital SWR meter, digital RF wattmeter, and IF shift. Best of all, it can be turned down to ONE WATT. Includes MD-1 desk microphone, YS-60 SWR/PWR meter, Nye straight key on metal base, and manual. Asking \$800 or best offer.

Universal M-8000 Communications terminal. Decodes Morse, Baudot, ASCII, Packet, PACTOR, FAX, etc, etc, etc. I know nothing about this but the owner says it works well and is a great buy at \$1000.

Please email me directly or call if you are interested. I can put you in touch with the owner if you have any questions.

73, Charlie WA2IPZ QRP-L 362
Burley, Idaho 208-678-8683

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 11:46:05 -0700
From: David Adams <adamsclan@netgate.net>
To: ku7y@dri.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8081] Re: Manipulator for portable use
Message-ID: <35310BED.EBC2DB0A@netgate.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Actually, the french refer to a key as a manipulator...not having seen

the origin of this thread, I can't tell if that's what they mean, but a factoid tossed to the ether none the less

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David J Adams, N9UXU

adamsclan@netgate.net

Amateur Radio, Flow Cytometry, Digital Photography and Parrot enthusiast

<http://u1.netgate.net/~adamsclan>

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 11:32:27 -0700
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: "jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8082] Re: postage
Message-ID: <353108BB.190870B8@dri.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi JohnPaul,

You said.... "Sorry for stirring up a mess....."

I'd like to ad this into the QSLing pot.....

While I agree that a QSL can be the final courtesy for a QSO, that only applies to a "real" QSO.

I don't think it has any place being applied to contests or special event stations. By doing that, you reduce the number of people that will want to do those kinds of things.

Look at the numbers for a very minor contest total. Lets use 400 QSOs. Almost anyone here could make at least that many Q's in a contest with lots of activity.

If you get a card for 25% of those contacts, you need to spend \$32 to send a card in an envelope. Add to that the cost of the card and envelope.

Many of us can afford to do this, but many can't! It is only common courtesy to include a SASE when wanting a card from a contest or special event station.

Same is true for DX cards.

Having said that, you might ask what I do.... well, I answer all cards. I did lose a lot of contacts when one computer died and wasn't backed up. But I think I am now all up to date. If anyone is missing a card from me during the last year it's because I've lost it! Please resend. But not much past a year old because that's what's on the dead computer.

So your comments are not at all out of line and no one should be upset by reading them.

If there is someone or some club that really thinks that there should be a cheaper way than having to send SASE's, consider starting a US QSL bureau. No one has ever been able to make it work yet, but I'd love to see one!!

I think the ARRL is still looking at this. Someone needs to do it and someone needs to fund it!

OK, back to reading my BBQ.....

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73, Ron, KU7Y

NRA Life-----Ex W6JX0, DL4RF, N7CRV-----SOWP #5545-M
QRP ARCI #8829----NorCal #330----QRP-L #17-----ARS #49
AR QRP #150-----DM09cg-----New Washoe City, NV

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 18:37:29 -0700
From: "Arthur Moe" <KB7WW@SignalONE.com>
To: "Qrp" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8083] 10mtrs
Message-ID: <01bd65b3\$8e26c9e0\$e421a3ce@arthur-moe>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

east coasters might want to look west on 10m

Thanks
art

KB7WW@SignalONE.com

OK, So what's the speed of dark??????

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:51:37 -0800
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy, Juliann & Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: joel malman <malman@world.std.com>, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8084] Re: 1758z and it's dead WA1QVM/AL7FS
Message-ID: <35310D37.38D31AC9@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wow, maybe I will just give up and go put up my Gap titan. It is sunny and in the 40s today so it couldn't be better. Thanks for the note.

1850Z here and there are still no signals on 20 meters.

73, Jim, AL7FS

joel malman wrote:

> Jim,
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> > 1640Z and still no signals on 20 mtr de AL7FS
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> Well here (hear) on the East Coast, there are no signals either. I've
> even checked 10 meters!
>
> Latter, I guess.
>
> /joel wa1qvm (Concord, Mass)

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 11:22:19 -0800
From: Ward Hill <w_hill@ns.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8085] NorCal Paddle Kit
Message-ID: <103130300b156c404eb3d@[207.159.15.78]>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi gang,

I just finished my paddle kit. I would like to thank Wayne, K8FF, Paul, NA5N, Doug, KI6DS and everyone else that had anything to do with this great kit. It really took some work to get it all shiny, but it shure looks nice. Better yet, it works better than it looks. Thanks again, and I can hardly wait for the next "kit" to be unvailed.

72,

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 14:37:02 -0400
From: w2bj@juno.com (Barry J Minsky)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8086] MERCURY PADDLE
Message-ID: <19980412.143857.10830.8.w2bj@juno.com>

I have seen several messages about the mercury paddle. There is a wonderful web site from Holland that has all kinds of information about CW. There are several pictures of the mercury paddle there. Check it out at <http://reality.sgi.com/adams/page8.html>

72/73,
Barry J. Minsky, W2BJ
ARRL, QRP ARCI #8871, FISTS #2701
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Adventure Radio Society #359

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 16:18:26 -0400
From: Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
To: vole@primenet.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8087] Re: QRPTTF: Latest Hit List 4/7/98
Message-ID: <35312191.7D2872F2@gly.fsu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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A founding Nartian wants to know....

Who (what?) is the QRP division.

Henry

Joe Gervais wrote:

> Howdy,
>
> Bill (K5ZTY), Texas Armadillo, wrote:
> >
> > The QRP division of the Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS)
> > will be doing QRPTTF from the Fritsche Cemetary Park in the northwest
> > [... SNIP ...]

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:54:37 -0700
From: "Michael Fletcher" <kl7ixi@mailcity.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8088] 20 meters open to AL7FS
Message-ID: <ODCCEICBGIOHAAAA@mailcity.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

20 meters is open to Alaska now. Jim, AL7FS is S8 into the Northwest now on 14.060.

72,
Mike KL7IXI/7
Vancouver, WA

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 14:23:24 +0000
From: "Mabel and Don Adams" <adamsdm@lewiston.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [8089] Heathkit HW9
Message-ID: <199804122124.0AA09269@mail-gw.fsr.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

I have a Heathkit HW9 I would like to sell. It covers all bands, 80 to 10 meters(including WARC bands). The case shows some wear, and 10 meters does not work well. It appears to be putting out some spurious emissions on that band. It needs more TLC than my limited skills can provide. It includes the manual and a printout of Gary Surrency's HW9 mods. \$165 You can reach me by e-mail at adamsdm@lewiston.com Thanks! Don Adams

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 15:59:17 -0600
From: "Steve Hurst" <shurst@magiclink.com>
To: <w2bj@juno.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8090] Re: MERCURY PADDLE
Message-ID: <199804122154.RAA51230@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Would that be Holland , Texas ???? :-) Or did Chuck move out of the country ?? :-)

73,
Steve Hurst
KA7NOC (southern Idaho)
<http://www.magiclink.com/web/shurst>

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> Barry J. Minsky, W2BJ
>
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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 18:09:58 -0400
From: john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
To: Knathan@ibm.net
Cc: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8091] Minor mistake
Message-ID: <199804122210.SAA02489@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here I was telling someone about QRP/p and used the terms M/w instead of
m/W. Please disregard the extra 999.1 watts in that message....hi hi
JohnPaul/AB4PP

Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 18:23:14 -0400
From: john paul keon <"jpkeon@bellsouth.net"@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
To: ku7y@dri.edu
Cc: klqrp@waterw.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [8092] Re: postage
Message-ID: <199804122224.SAA03752@mail.rdu.bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Monte Stark wrote:

>
> Hi JohnPaul,
>
> You said.... "Sorry for stirring up a mess....."
>
> I'd like to ad this into the QSLing pot.....
>
> While I agree that a QSL can be the final courtesy for a QSO, that only
> applies to a "real" QSO.
>
> I don't think it has any place being applied to contests or special
> event stations. By doing that, you reduce the number of people that will
> want to do those kinds of things.
>
> Look at the numbers for a very minor contest total. Lets use 400 QSOs.
> Almost anyone here could make at least that many Q's in a contest with
> lots of activity.
>
> If you get a card for 25% of those contacts, you need to spend \$32 to
> send a card in an envelope. Add to that the cost of the card and
> envelope.
>
> Many of us can afford to do this, but many can't! It is only common
> courtesy to include a SASE when wanting a card from a contest or special
> event station.
>
> Same is true for DX cards.
>
> Having said that, you might ask what I do.... well, I answer all cards.
> I did lose a lot of contacts when one computer died and wasn't backed
> up. But I think I am now all up to date. If anyone is missing a card
> from me during the last year it's because I've lost it! Please resend.
> But not much past a year old because that's what's on the dead computer.
>
> So your comments are not at all out of line and no one should be upset
> by reading them.
>
> If there is someone or some club that really thinks that there should be
> a cheaper way than having to send SASE's, consider starting a US QSL
> bureau. No one has ever been able to make it work yet, but I'd love to
> see one!!
>
> I think the ARRL is still looking at this. Someone needs to do it and
> someone needs to fund it!
>
> OK, back to reading my BBQ.....
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> cul,

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> --
> 73, Ron, KU7Y
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> NRA Life-----Ex W6JX0, DL4RF, N7CRV-----SOWP #5545-M
> QRP ARCI #8829----NorCal #330----QRP-L #17-----ARS #49
> AR QRP #150-----DM09cg-----New Washoe City, NV
Okay, I agree mostly, but i do get in there most of the time as some ops
will tell you that work me on these QRP contests, and I try to rag chew
as much as I can. I am often in there for 30 minutes or more with some
trying to convert them to qrp/p or qrp and love to do that.
As for the qsl's well i feel the same way. however I got a few here and
the card I made up for the expedition was two sided and not meant to be
sent through the mail alone, but rather in an envelope. You can see
that on our web site. I posted it there for all to see before we did
the operation. I took the time to print them by hand in a printer
myself and took the time to make up the cards. It was personal kinda.
I loved doing it because it was original. And because I wanted to.
As for the postage, well there are a lot of new ops and they don't
understand and I was just trying to for the life of me explain
it.....no matter.
DEAD HORSE.
JOHNPAUL/AB4PP

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